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APPLICANT : David Thomas Dudley, et al. EXAMINER : San Ming R Hui
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Response Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111(a)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 20, 2003 (Paper No. 10), the Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following remarks.

A Petition for a three-month extension of time accompanies this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 19 of this paper.